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FISHLAKE NATIONAL FOREST

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Road Closures in Place for Twitchell Canyon Fire

Beaver, UT- Due to sustained high winds over the past three days, fire activity on the lightning-caused Twitchell Canyon fire increased and fire is now established on the east side of Fish Creek. Because of the increased activity, the Sevier Canyon Road FR 116 is now closed, and the Indian Creek Road from Pole Canyon to Manderfield Reservoir remains closed.

The safety of the public and fire personnel is the top priority in managing the fire, along with protection of private property.

Fire crews are working to secure the fire that is established on the east side of Fish Creek. Crews are also busy working on protecting the view shed of the Manderfield Reservoir. At least six different areas of the fire are actively burning due to the windy conditions over the weekend, along with higher temperatures and lower humidity.

Smoke from this fire is likely to become more evident in the next several days. Smoke and haze may be visible from the surrounding communities, and may pool in low areas in the early morning hours and later in the day. Smoke could lower visibility along travel corridors including I-15, I-70 and Hwy 89.

More information on this and other wildland fires burning in Utah can be found online at www.utahfireinfo.gov. Information on this and other wildland fires burning nationally can be found online at inciweb.org.

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